

**Response to Rule 312  
Communication**

Application No.  
**08/997,879**

Applicant(s)  
**Waters**

Examiner  
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☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

☒ The amendment filed on 4 Oct 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

☐ entered.

☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).

☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

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